

NONPROVISIONAL PATENT  
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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b) is a nonprovisional patent application:

For (Title): METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR OFFERING PREFERRED TRANSPORT  
WITHIN A BROADBAND SUBSCRIBER NETWORK

By (Inventors): Kurt A. DOBBINS

- ☒ 67 pages of Specification/Claims 2/Abstract are attached.  
☒ Formal drawings (Fig(s). 1-28; 34 sheet(s)) is/are attached.  
☐ A Declaration and Power of Attorney is attached.  
☐ An assignment of the invention to \_\_\_\_\_ is attached, along with Form PTO-1595 and a check for \$40.00.  
☐ An Information Disclosure Statement is attached, along with Form PTO-1449, and \_\_\_\_\_ reference(s).  
☒ This application is entitled to Small Entity Status.  
☐ A Preliminary Amendment is attached.  
☒ Please amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence --This nonprovisional application claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Applications No. 60/460,045, filed April 4, 2003 and 60/460,046 filed April 4, 2003. --  
☐ Priority of foreign application No. \_\_\_\_\_ filed \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_ is claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119.  
☐ A certified copy of the above corresponding foreign application is attached.

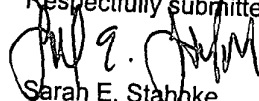
The filing fee is calculated below and includes claim status after entry of any Preliminary Amendment noted above:

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- ☒ A check in the amount of \$375.00 for the filing fee is attached. Please charge any fee deficiency or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 01-2300. However, this application is entitled to small entity status. DO NOT charge large entity fees to our Deposit Account.

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